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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-71 (all part)

subject-matter related to monocyclic aromatic compounds

2. Claims: 1-71 (all part)

subject-matter related to bicyclic compounds of formulae (Ia) and (Ib)

The present subject-matter relates to compounds comprising an aza-bicyclic portion and an aromatic portion linked via an optionally oxidized sulphur atom that modulate neurotransmission by promoting the release of neurotransmitters such as acetylcholine.

However, document WO-A-9932117 already discloses compounds falling within the present scope having the same pharmacological activity comprising a monocyclic heteroaromatic part.

Furthermore, document WO-A-9719059 discloses in table II a neurotransmitter releasing compound comprising a monocyclic aromatic part.

The Applicant introduced therefore a proviso in claim 1 which excludes some subject-matter of the said prior art.

However, since the disclaimed compounds have the same pharmacological activity, the remaining scope of the claims does not contain a special technical feature which defines a contribution over the prior art.

Consequently, there is no technical relationship among the claimed compounds apparent representing a single inventive concept.

The subject-matter of the present international application can therefore be divided in at least two groups of inventions mentioned above.

However, in view of the disclosure of documents WO-A-9719059 and WO-A-9932177, the first group of inventions (compounds comprising a monocyclic aromatic portion) represents itself multiple groups of inventions inter alia dependent on the nature of substituent R2.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 69 and 71 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
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Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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